



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5289

LCO No. 1364

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-404 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Chief Medical Examiner shall be a citizen of the United States
4 and a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut
5 and shall have had a minimum of four years postgraduate training in
6 pathology and such additional subsequent experience in forensic
7 pathology as the commission may determine, provided any person
8 otherwise qualified who is not licensed to so practice may be
9 appointed Chief Medical Examiner, provided he or she obtains [shall
10 obtain] such a license within one year of his or her appointment. [His]
11 The Commission on Medicolegal Investigations shall submit
12 recommendations concerning the annual salary of the Chief Medical
13 Examiner to the Secretary of the Office of Policy Management for
14 review and approval. The Chief Medical Examiner's term of office [and
15 annual salary] shall be fixed by the commission and [he] the Chief
16 Medical Examiner may be removed by the commission only for cause.

17 Under the direction of the commission, [he] the Chief Medical
18 Examiner shall prepare for transmission to the Secretary of the Office
19 of Policy and Management as required by law estimates of expenditure
20 requirements. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner shall account to the
21 State Treasurer for all fees and moneys received and expended by him
22 or her by virtue of his or her office. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner
23 may as part of his or her duties teach medical and law school classes,
24 conduct special classes for police investigators and engage in other
25 activities related to the work of [his] the office to such extent and on
26 such terms as may be authorized by the commission.

27 Sec. 2. Section 19a-405 of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 The Chief Medical Examiner, with the approval of the [commission]
30 Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, shall appoint a deputy
31 who shall perform all the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner in case
32 of his or her sickness or absence and such associate medical examiners,
33 assistant medical examiners, pathologists, toxicologists, laboratory
34 technicians and other professional staff as the commission may specify.
35 The commission in advance of appointments shall specify the
36 qualifications required for each position in terms of education,
37 experience and other relevant considerations. The commission shall
38 [fix] submit recommendations concerning the annual salary of the
39 Deputy Chief Medical Examiner to the Secretary of the Office of Policy
40 and Management for review and approval and shall submit
41 recommendations concerning salaries and compensation of other
42 professional staff to the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The
43 Chief Medical Examiner, the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner,
44 associate medical examiners, and assistant medical examiners shall
45 take the oath provided by law for public officers. Other staff members
46 as determined by the commission shall be appointed by the Chief
47 Medical Examiner, subject to the provisions of chapter 67 and the rules
48 of the commission not inconsistent therewith.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-404
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-405

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's personal services costs do not exceed budgeted levels.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]